Enhancement of Royalty to Oil Producing States

396. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the oil producing States of the Union have been asking for an enhancement of royalty to States on oil;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Governments of Assam and Gujarat have been requesting the Central Government to fix the final rate of royalty on crude oil for the block period 1993—96 and to revise the 'on account' rate of royalty on crude oil w.e.f. 1.4.1996.

(c) For the period 1993—96, final crude price is being worked out on the basis of the actual weighted cost of production figures audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General. The final rate of royalty would be notified thereafter and necessary adjustments made against the 'on account' payments already made. A decision in regard to the rate of royalty for the post 31.3.96 period would be taken after the royalty for the period 1993—96 is notified.

Potential of CNG Distribution in Andhra Pradesh

397. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for Bharat Petroleum to study the potential of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) distribution in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Bharat Petroleum has CNG outlets in some cities;

(c) the details of existing CNG network of Bharat Petroleum in the country;

(d) whether it is a fact that motorists are turned away by Bharat Petroleum CNG outlets for want of supply; and

(e) what are the reasons for lax management by Bharat Petroleum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. BPCL currently has 5 retail outlets where CNG is being dispensed. The details are as under:

(i) M/s. Gymkhana Service Station, New Delhi.

(ii) M/s. Syall Service Station, New Delhi.

(iii) M/s. R.S. Bhola Ram Service Station, New Delhi.

(iv) M/s. Kausar Auto Service, Mahalaxmi Mumbai.

(v) M/s. Universal Auto, Mazagon, Mumbai.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The question does not arise.

Distribution network of CNG

398. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Oil Corporation has any Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) distribution network in the country;

(b) the extent of CNG outlets operated by IOC;

(c) whether Indian Oil Corporation has neglected this sector;

(d) what are the plans for utilizing CNG as a source of pollution free fuel for cars; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) IOC provides CNG facilities at five retail outlets of which two each are based in Delhi and Mumbai and one at Baroda.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Joint Venture Companies have been set up in Mumbai and Delhi by Gas Authority of India Ltd. for supply of CNG to the transport sector and for expansion of infrastructural facilities for dispensing CNG.

Harassment of Kerosene Dealers

399. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Oil Corporation officers are pressurizing and harassing their kerosene dealers belonging to SC/ST and ladies category to uplift certain quantity of industrial/automotive lubricants against the provisions of Essential Commodities Act and Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken/ proposed to be taken against such officers linking the PDS kerosene supplies with the quantity of Lube Oil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir. No such cases have been brought to the notice of Government.

(b) Does not arise.

भारत के नियंत्रक महालेखा परीक्षक के लेखा परीक्षा पैराओं के संबंध में की गई कार्रवाई

400. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी:** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1997 सहित गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान और अब तक, भारत के नियंत्रक महालेखा परीक्षक से मुख्य प्रशासनिक अधिकारी और संयुक्त सचिव (पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय) के कार्यालय से संबंधित कितने लेखा परीक्षा पैरा प्राप्त हुए हैं;

(ख) लेखा परीक्षा पैराओं का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) प्रत्येक लेखा परीक्षा पैरा के संबंध में क्या कार्रवाई की गई है; और

(घ) यदि कोई कार्रवाई नहीं की गई है, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष कुमार गंगवार): (क) से (घ) पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में मुख्य प्रशासनिक अधिकारी और संयुक्त सचिव के पद का कोई अधिकारी नहीं है। सिविल पैराओं से संबंधित रिपोर्टें सरकार के उत्तर के साथ लोक लेखा समिति को भेजी जाती है, वाणिज्य पैराओं के उत्तर सरकार के विस्तृत उत्तरों के साथ सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों संबंधी समिति को भेजे जाते हैं।

Status of Oil Pool Account

401. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of oil pool account as on date;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government owe to pay certain amount to the oil companies against the bonds issued to them if so, the details thereof, company-wise;

(c) the amount of duty paid by these companies company-wise during current financial year, month-wise; and

(d) whether such amount collected from companies is diverted to meet deficit in oil pool account?